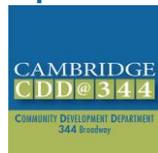


City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

April 2022





Welcome

Purpose

Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City's "community experts", on City projects and MBTA initiatives

Outcomes

City staff to understand priorities and reactions to city projects

TAC to confirm work plan for subcommittees of the TAC

Process

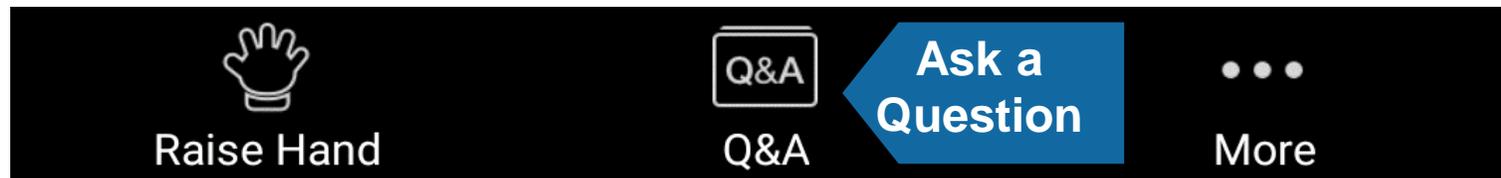
Presentation from City staff followed by discussion – we invite every TAC members to ask questions or make comments

Public to type in questions in zoom Q&A or speak verbal comments during public comment period

Meeting Instructions

- **Questions** can be submitted using the Q&A button at any time
- **Public comment** period will use the “**raise hand**” feature, more instruction at the public comment period
- Please use the first comment period to ask questions or make comments on the presentation and the last comment period for general comments
- Use only the time allotted and do not repeat points between the two comment periods

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Member Code of Conduct

- Encourage positive interactions on Zoom with non-verbal cues
- Use the Ouch & Oops intervention models, when appropriate



TAC Updates



Upcoming Meetings

Transit Committee

May 5

Potential topics: MBTA Bus Network Redesign? MBTA AFC 2.0?

Joint Meetings

April 20 – Cancelled

May 18 – Planned topic: Main Street at Kendall-MIT station



MBTA Updates



MBTA Green Line Extension

- The first branch of the Green Line Extension opened Monday, March 21, 2022
 - Route 69, 80, 87, 88 buses moved to Water Street bus loop at new Lechmere
 - Green Line is truncated at North Station in Boston as the result of the partial collapse and construction accident at the Government Center Garage
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in Spring 2022
- GLX/MBTA have not announced a timeline for opening the Community Path Extension to North Point



MBTA Service Restorations

- A schedule change took effect on Sunday, March 13, 2022
- Service changes can be found on MBTA's website:
 - Route 71 and 73 now have diesel-hybrid buses. This means that passengers will board and alight at Harvard Upper Busway. Passengers will now pay when boarding.
 - Route 77A has also been suspended
 - Routes 69, 80, 87, and 88 moved to new Lechmere station when that station opened on March 22
 - Minor schedule changes for Routes 1, 47, 66, 68, 96, 350



MBTA Service Restorations

- More information on MBTA bus routes can be found on the pages below
- Each page has a list of routes that is grouped by types of route changes:
 - Restored routes
 - Routes with reduced service – Fewer trips/less frequency
 - Partially restored routes – Fewer trips/less frequency
 - Suspended or consolidated routes – No trips/combined routes

MBTA Schedule Changes

Table of MBTA bus routes with minor changes to schedules or fully restored

| Route | Status | Terminals | Destination/Notes |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022 | Harvard to Nubian Square | Via Central, M.I.T., Back Bay, Fenway, South End, Roxbury |
| 64 | Weekday schedule changes – 12.19.2021 | Kendall to Oak Square, Brighton | Via Cambridgeport, Allston |
| 66 | Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022 | Harvard to Nubian | Via Allston, Brookline, L.M.A., Mission Hill, Roxbury |
| 67 | Restored – 8.2021 | Alewife to Turkey Hill | Route 2 |
| 68 | Weekday schedule changes – 3.13.2022 | Lechmere to Harvard | Via Inman Square, East Cambridge, Cambridge Hospital, CRLS |

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| 69 | Minor routing change with GLX – 3.21.2022 | Lechmere to Harvard | Inman Square |
| 74 | Restored – 8.2020 | Harvard to Belmont Center | Via Concord Avenue |
| 75 | Added Trips from Route 72 – 8.2021 | Harvard to Belmont Center or to Aberdeen Avenue | Via Huron Avenue |
| 78 | Restored – 8.2020 | Harvard to Arlmont | Via Concord Avenue, Route 2 |
| 80 | Restored – 8.2020 | Lechmere to Arlington Heights | Via East Somerville, West Medford |
| 83 | Restored – 8.2020 | Central to Rindge Avenue | Via Inman Square |
| 350 | Minor routing change – 3.14.2022 | Alewife to Burlington Mall | Via Route 2, Arlington Center, Winchester |

MBTA Schedule Changes

Table of MBTA bus routes with partially restored schedules

| Route | Status | Terminals | Destination/Notes |
|-------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| 47 | Minor schedule changes – 3.13.2022 | Central Square to Broadway | Via L.M.A. and Ruggles |
| 62 | Restored in rush hours-only – 12.2021 | Alewife to Bedford VA Hospital | Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center |
| 76 | Restored in rush hours-only – 12.2021 | Alewife to Hanscom Airport | Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center, Marret Road |
| 62/76 | Combined during midday and weekends – 12.2021 | Alewife to Bedford VA Hospital | Via Route 2, Arlington Heights, Lexington Center, Marret Road, Hanscom Airport |
| 70 | Fewer Trips – 12.2021 | University Park to Waltham | Via Central Square, Watertown, Waltham Center |

MBTA Schedule Changes

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| Route | Status | Terminals | Destination/Notes |
|-------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 71 | Reduced frequency – 8.31.2020 | Harvard to Watertown Square | Via Mount Auburn, Hospital, East Watertown |
| 72 | Combined with Route 75 – December 2021 | Harvard to Aberdeen Avenue | Via Huron Village |
| 73 | Reduced frequency – 8.31.2020 | Harvard to Waverly Square, Belmont | Via Mount Auburn, Hospital, Belmont Street, Trapelo Road |
| 77 | Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021 | Harvard to Arlington Heights | Via Porter Square, North Cambridge, Arlington Center |
| 77A | Suspended – 3.20.2022 | Harvard to North Cambridge | Via Porter Square, North Cambridge |

MBTA Bus Frequency Reductions or Suspension

Table of MBTA bus routes with continued reduced frequency or suspension

| Route | Status | Terminals | Destination/Notes |
|-------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 79 | Suspended – 3.14.2021 | Alewife to Arlington Heights | Via Alewife Brook Parkway, East Arlington, Arlington Center |
| 84 | Suspended – 3.20.2022 | Alewife to Arlmont | Via Route 2 Route 78 provides similar service |
| 86 | Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021 | Sullivan to Harvard to Reservoir | Via Union Square, Allston, Brighton Center, Cleveland Circle |
| 87 | Minor route change for GLX – 3.21.2022 Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021 | Lechmere to Arlington Center | Via Union Square, Davis Square, Clarendon Hill |

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| 88 | Minor Route Change for GLX – 3.21.2022 Reduced frequency – 12.19.2021 | Lechmere to Clarendon Hill | Via Highland Avenue, Davis Square |
| 91 | Additional trips – 6.2021 | Central to Sullivan | Via Inman Square, Union Square |
| 96 | Minor schedule changes – 3.2022 Reduced trips – 3.2021 | Harvard to Medford Square | Via Porter Square, Davis Square, and Tufts University |
| 351 | Modified for Local Service Only – 8.2021 | Local: Burlington Third Street to Burlington/Billerica Route 3 | |
| CT2 | Restored with reduced service – 8.2020 | Sullivan to Ruggles | Via Union Square, Kendall Square, L.M.A., |



Completed

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation (Green Line Transformation) | Project completed in March. | No events scheduled |

In progress

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Red Line Transformation | Weekend Red Line-replacement bus shuttles on 4/9-4/10 and 4/23-4/24 | No events scheduled |
| Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0) | Meetings held in March discussing changes required by new fare system. | No events scheduled |

In progress

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Green Line Haymarket Suspension | GL passengers transfer to the Orange Line at North Station and exit at Downtown Crossing to walk to Park Street | No events scheduled |
| Alewife Garage Repairs | Acceleration of repair work. Scheduled completion Fall 2023 | No events scheduled |
| System-Wide Accessibility Improvements | None | No events scheduled |

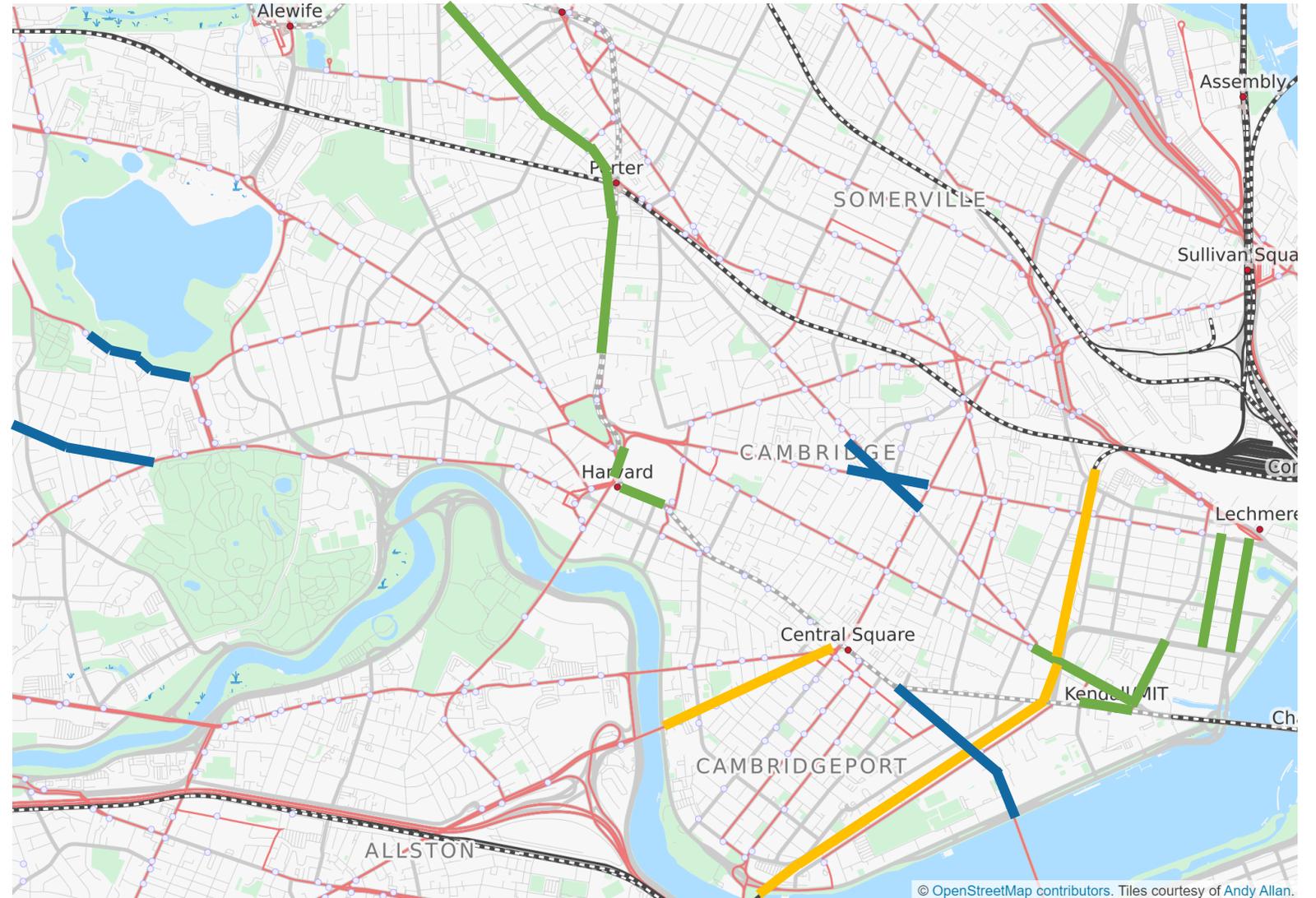
Under study

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|---|---|--|
| Bus Network Redesign | Updates for public expected in May | No events scheduled |
| Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis | Draft alternatives under review | April 12, 2022 @ 1pm - MBTA Public Meeting Working Group (Virtual) |
| Facility modernization & Bus electrification | MBTA held meeting for to update on: bus electrification, replacement service, and North Cambridge Carhouse conversion | No events scheduled |



City Updates

Selected street projects





In Progress

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Inman Square Reconstruction Project | Spring 2022 major changes will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">>Realignment of Hampshire St. through former Velucci plaza>Creating two smaller intersections from current one | No events scheduled |

Implementation soon

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Belmont Street Project | To start in Spring 2022 | No events scheduled |
| Huron Avenue – Glacken Field Project | To start in Spring 2022 | No events scheduled |
| South Mass Ave Transit Priority Project | Implementation expected as early as April 25, TBA on weather and contractor availability | No events scheduled |



In Planning and Design

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| River Street Reconstruction Project | Finalizing designs and moving to bid in Spring 2022 | No events scheduled |
| Grand Junction MUP Project | Ongoing review with state agencies | No events scheduled |
| Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority Project | Working with MBTA on procurement and design | No events scheduled |

In Study

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|---|---|
| Porter Square Safety Improvements Project | Preparing updates to the current plan. Feedback survey open. | Community Meeting #3 – April 26 th 6pm-8pm (virtual) |
| MassAve4 (Waterhouse-Roseland + Beech-Dudley) Project | City staff will recommend: partial construction to City Council. In-person information session was on March 22 | |



In Study

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led) Study | Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third | No events scheduled |
| Transportation Impact Study Update Study | Study has begun. Presentation held for TAC during March 2022 meeting. | No events scheduled |



In Study

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|--|--|---------------------|
| MassAve4 (Harvard Bus Stops) + Plaza/Kiosk Construction Project | Staff will make recommendation to City Council that bus boarding islands are constructed at Johnston and Holyoke Gates | No events scheduled |

Completed

| Project | Update | Next public event |
|---|--|---------------------|
| North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements Project | Additional hourly parking spaces on Mass Ave to replace some loading zones after 9 AM | No events scheduled |
| First Street & Second Street Corridor Study | Developed two concepts and recommended additional study of bus priority and bicycle priority street design | No events scheduled |

Thank you for participating in this Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

Stay healthy and well.

Thank You